



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

July 30, 2008

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received applications for Underground Injection Control (UIC) permits for geothermal power plant projects. Permits UNEV93217 & UNEV91008 has been applied for by the following applicant:

Dixie Valley Power Partnership
565 5th Ave., 29th floor
New York, NY 10017

Washoe County Utilities Service
Division
4930 Energy Way
Reno, Nevada 89502

Dixie Valley Power Partners submitted a renewal application for permit UNEV93217. The applicant proposes to construct and operate a 25 MW (gross) flash geothermal electric generation facility within the Dixie Valley Known Geothermal Resource Area located 45 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada. The applicant will dispose of geothermal fluids produced from the Dixie Geothermal Plant into one to three injection wells located in Sections 11, 14, 15 and 23, T.24N., R.36E., Churchill County. The project is located on 2,560 acres of public lands administered by the BLM. The injection zone is within the geothermal reservoir. Construction of the facility has been idle and no known construction date has been set for the future.

Washoe County Utilities has submitted a renewal application for UIC permit UNEV91008 associated with aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) projects to inject treated Truckee River water. Surface water is injected into underground aquifers and meets all primary drinking water standards. Injection will occur from the fall to early spring months when excess capacity exists in the water distribution system. Comprehensive monitoring is required to ensure that groundwater is not degraded. Three injection wells exist in the eastern part of Golden Valley, NE¼ of Section 11, T.20N., R.19E.

This notice is provided to solicit comments regarding use of the injection wells, and other project-related water discharges, pursuant to Nevada UIC and water pollution control regulations. Final injection approval for Salt Wells will come after the

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permit is issued and submission of a completion report for each well and other information which may be needed for determination.

On the basis of preliminary review, the Administrator has made a tentative determination to issue the UIC permit to authorize water discharge activities.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by **September 8, 2008** either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Attn: Russ Land
901 South Stewart Street; Suite 4001
Carson City, NV 89701-5249
(rland@ndep.nv.gov)

All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, comments received, and other information will be on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Russ Land of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9428.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.